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AMDG! *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*, the motto of the Society of Jesus, perfectly describes the ministry and legacy of the late Father Harry Tompson, S.J., who lived the Gospel through his words and works “for the Greater Glory of God.” WLAE is proud to present this tribute to Father Harry, and invites you to join us in honoring him by becoming a supporting partner for this inspirational documentary film. From his education at Jesuit High School to his early ministry as a Jesuit Priest in Grand Couteau, young Harry Tompson soaked up the spiritual lessons he learned and put them into action. His exceptional homilies, deep compassion for all of God’s children, and his mission to serve the poor and suffering transformed countless lives across the city of New Orleans and South Louisiana, and his legacy continues today.

Fr. Harry’s larger-than-life faith, passion, personality, sense of humor and determination made him a spiritual giant with the ability to organize teams of people to provide food, shelter, a quality education, job training, and a safe environment for those who had nothing.

His legacy took root during his 13-year span as Principal, then President of Jesuit High School in New Orleans, and later as Spiritual Director at Manresa Retreat House in Convent, Louisiana, where he taught by example the importance of love and service to God and others to thousands of students, parents and retreatants throughout South Louisiana.

When Father Tompson became Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church in Downtown New Orleans, he attracted large congregations, welcomed the homeless who were turned away elsewhere, and turned the parish center into a homeless shelter. A champion for social justice with a booming voice and bellowing laugh, Father challenged and empowered the despairing to rise above the ravages of poverty, gave them the helping hand they needed for a brighter future, and celebrated their success.

He founded **Boys Hope/Girls Hope of Greater New Orleans** to help gifted but disadvantaged kids succeed in life, and **Cafe Reconcile**, a bustling restaurant offering job training and life skills for inner-city youth. Through the very end when he was battling terminal cancer, he continued to serve others by laying the groundwork for **Good Shepherd School**, a Nativity-based program that gave quality education to those who could least afford it. His ministry in the parish center later became the **Harry Tompson Center**, serving the homeless with safe shelter, hot meals and valuable resources to help rehabilitate their lives.

Providing for his flock’s physical, mental, and spiritual growth, Father Harry Tompson, S.J. was, and still remains a Man of Faith and **A Man for Others**.



Executive Producers Jim Dotson and Ron Yager are the power team responsible for dozens of award-winning films and series for WLAE. Their individual and collaborative careers include extensive experience and expertise producing entertaining and informative content for television audiences.

Ron and Jim received coveted Gabriel Awards in 2016, 2017 and 2024 for their Catholic films: **Ordinary People, Extraordinary Gifts: The Road to Sainthood, A Legacy of Love: Henriette Delille and the Sisters of the Holy Family**, and **Formed: Notre Dame Seminary and the Path to Priesthood**.

Their film, **Blue: The Life and Art of George Rodrigue**, won a 2025 Emmy award and more than a half-dozen Best Documentary awards at film festivals worldwide. **Michalopoulos: The Art of Celebration** was honored to be selected as the opening night film for the 2025 New Orleans Film Festival. **Blue, Michalopoulos**, and WLAE's Telly and Emmy award-winning films celebrating **Fats Domino, Leah Chase, Allen Toussaint**, and **Irma Thomas** have enjoyed national distributions through American Public Television and NETA (National Educational Telecommunications Association). Many of their films and series are also available worldwide on WLAE's YouTube Channel, @WLAETV.



Producer Janet Gross is an award-winning television journalist, writer and producer. She has spent her career talking to people, learning about them and telling their stories. In addition to covering TV news in several states, she's hosted television and radio talk shows in New Orleans and has written and/or narrated many documentaries for WLAE-TV including **Catholics in the Crescent City: The First 300 Years, Parts I, II and III, Praying for a Miracle: The Catholic Church and the Battle of New Orleans**, and all three of WLAE's Gabriel award-winning films: **A Legacy of Love: Henriette Delille and the Sisters of the Holy Family, Ordinary People: Extraordinary Gifts: The Road to Sainthood**, and **Formed: Notre Dame Seminary and the Path to Priesthood**.





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